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Home Sweet Home in Hollywood

(Top) Barbara Kent.

(Top) Louise Fazenda.
(Right) Corinne Griffith.

Winnie Lightner.

WOULD you like to know where the stars live, and what their homes are like? Then come with me for an imaginary stroll through Hollywood—along the wide, palm-fringed avenue that leads up to the Beverley Hills—and you shall peep at some of the lovely homes of Filmland's favourites.

Every film star makes a hobby of her home, and some of the most wonderful homes in the world are to be found at the foot of the famous Beverley Hills. You can't imagine a film star designing and actually building her own house, can you? And yet quite a number of them do.

Ann Harding spent the bigger part of last summer in workman's overalls helping to build her own adorable bungalow. And every star chooses her own furniture and plans her own lovely colour schemes—for she knows better than anyone else just what is right for her home. Long association with the wonderful colour schemes of the studio have taught her that!

THE BEAUTY OF A DOOR.

You see that pretty red-tiled bungalow on the left—tucked away in a forest of tropical shrubbery? That is the lovely home of Barbara Kent, who is one of Universal's stars.

Let's go nearer and peep at the door of Barbara's house, for it is one of the most lovely things in Hollywood.

It is a big, shiny brown door marked out in small squares like a slab of chocolate, with a long panel of glass on either side, the whole thing set in snowy white marble. Hanging from the centre—you can just see it in the photograph—is an old-fashioned lamp, and at night-time, when it casts its yellow shadows over the surrounding trees and bushes, and the pretty light from the hall illumines the two long glass panels, this wonderful doorway looks exactly like the entrance to Fairyland.

And Barbara, when she's not at the studio, loves nothing better than to put on a comfy little woollen suit and with her two darling dogs for companions, roam the spacious grounds attached to her lovely home.

A REAL "DREAM COTTAGE."

Not so far away is the home of Gwen Lee, one of the Metro stars. A charming cottage bungalow is Gwen's home—perfect in every detail. Peep into her own little "den"; all the furniture ther e is what she loves to call "farmhouse" furniture. There are plain little kitchen chairs with a square table to match, an old-fashioned settee and a big armchair—both draped with heavy, plaid rugs. And the curtains are of the gayest old-fashioned apple-blossom chintz, with sweet little spotted muslin ones against the window panes.

To complete the atmosphere Gwen boasts an old-fashioned table oil-lamp. Such a quaint, cosy little room it is in which to sit and read after a strenuous day at the studio. But Kitty, Gwen's pretty white persian cat, approves of this cosy room at any time of the day, for she is always to be found curled up into a little white snowball in the corner of the big armchair. Yes, Gwen Lee's home is one you would love, I am sure.

BOOKS—AND A MASCOT!

And then we come to the home of another popular Hollywood star—Louise Fazenda. Louise's home is just lovely—the very essence of charm, comfort and daintiness. Louise is very fond of marigolds and you'll always find lots of them in her little sunny breakfast-room.

But the prettiest room of all is Louise's own little "den," which acts as library, lounge and drawing-room all rolled into one. Look at it—as pretty as a picture, isn't it? And so cosy! The comfiest couch imaginable—the sort you sink right into—stands in the middle of the room. And in the far corner is a cosy chair to match.

There's a wonderful bookcase, for Louise loves reading and always keeps her library well up to date. Tiny low tables, holding flowers, books, and chocs., are dotted about the room. Soft, shaded lights, and pretty pastel coloured curtains, together with a comic mascot that sits upright in the window and gazes out beyond the Beverley Hills to a mountain peak tipped with snow, completes what you must admit to be a very dainty room and very expressive of Louise's own sweet personality.

THE HOME OF A MUSIC LOVER.

Not so far away is the home of one of the cleverest and most popular stars of Hollywood—little Bessie Love. Bessie can sing and dance as well as she can act; in fact, there's very little that this talented star can't do. And she adores music! If you peep inside her music room, you'll find the ukulele propped up against the piano, and the guitar standing over in one corner of the room, and copies of music all over the place.

And she has the jolliest of "dens" with the most wonderful couch you ever saw. I wouldn't be sure, but I rather think this couch originated in the studio. I wonder if I'm right! Anyway, it's very lovely, and it simply groans beneath its load of jolly little velvet cushions. Bessie and her couch are good friends after she has spent a tiring day at the studio.

THE CHARM OF CHINTZ.

Here is the home of Corinne Griffith—another of Hollywood's dainty little film stars. Like Gwen Lee, Corinne favours pretty cottage-y surroundings. An old-fashioned brick fireplace with a log fire crackling merrily in the hearth, cosy chintz-covered chairs and a couch to match are features of her sitting-room. And she has the sweetest little "squatty" table with a shiny, black top which holds a pretty lamp with a pleated silken shade, books, chocs and flowers. Yes, flowers are everywhere in Corinne's rooms for she simply adores them. And Jock, Corinne's little fox terrier, is the priviledged partner who shares all her confidences as well as the comfort of her dainty home.

IN A PERSIAN SETTING.

Bernice Claire has a wonderful Persian home. She has a lovely dining-room with a vivid blue peacock with spread tail standing in the window, and quaint crystal ball covering her electric light. The dining-table is studded round the edge with large brass studs, and there is a narrow runner of rare old lace in the centre.

There's a lovely staircase in Bernice's house with an Oriental design in bright colours inlaid in each step, and a wonderful Oriental tapestry hanging on the wall. And Bernice herself always wears a colourful Oriental pyjama suit when she's indoors to fit in with her Eastern surroundings, as you can see in the photograph.

Bernice Claire.